

**REGULAR MEETING  
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
September 11, 2008 – 4:00 P.M.  
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

1. Chairperson Laurie Boivin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present. MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurie Boivin, Regina Washinawatok, Ben Kaquatosh, Kathy Kaquatosh and Susan Waukau. MEMBERS ABSENT: Sabrina Hemken (excused) and Jeremy Weso. Also present: Francis Walker, Roberta Robinson, Frieda Bergeon, Brett Hoffman, Denise Pommer, Gail Hanseter, Rebecca Loudbear and Linda Peters, recorder.
2. Moment of Silence. A moment of silence was observed.
3. Approval of Minutes dated August 14, 2008.

**Motion made by Susan Waukau to approve the minutes dated August 14, 2008. Second was by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (B. Kaquatosh-absent) and 2 absent (Hemken and Weso).**

**Motion made by Regina Washinawatok to suspend the agenda and place item #6-General Council motion to reinstate the Elder's Council to agenda item # 4. Second was by Ben Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 2 absent (Hemken and Weso).**

6. General Council motion to reinstate the Elder's Council

Laurie Boivin reviewed with the committee the General Council motion requesting to reinstate the Elders council. The information provided in the packet does not contain the by laws that the prior elder council used. Some additional research is needed that would provide the committee what the duties and responsibilities of the previous council were.

Mrs. Boivin informed the elders that were attending the meeting that the governmental affairs committee has been tasked with reviewing the request to reinstate the elders council, that the Tribe's elder council will not affect the current Commission on Aging, confirming that there would not be a duplication of services from the Bay Area's Commission on Aging, and that research time would be needed to compile the documents necessary for the committee to review at the next meeting.

Ms. Bergeon informed the committee that the Commission on Aging has limited duties and their allegiance belongs to the Bay Area. The Commission on Aging does not have anything to do with the CBRF. Mrs. Bergeon was informed that the Aging Division takes care of the CBRF and they are a program under the tribal structure.

Besides taking care of the nutritional needs of the elders, meal sites, scheduling activities, Ms. Pommer has been working on better communication between the department and what the needs are. Any issues can always be brought to the Commission and the best interests are about the tribal elders.

Ms. Pommer explained how the snow plowing has been revamped. The high priorities will be done on day 1 and on day 2 will be the seniors. These 2 days are necessary to plow 125 elders. These figures are not including the elders that pay on their own to plow.

It was estimated that the Tribe has budgeted over \$79,000.00 and will give Mrs. Bergeon the correct figure. The CBRF is around \$500,000.00 but this includes all sources.

The Chairman's Office will provide Denise Pommer the documentation that has been located and that Ms. Pommer will provide an analysis to the committee for the next regular meeting that will be scheduled for October 9, 2008.

**Motion made by Susan Waukau to table this item # 6 until the committee can receive more information. Second was by Ben Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 2 absent (Hemken and Weso).**

**Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to go back to item # 4-Ordinance #82-10 Menominee Tribal Preference – Discussion and Recommendations. Second was by Regina Washinawatok. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 2 absent (Hemken and Weso).**

4. Ordinance #82-10 Menominee Tribal Preference-Discussion and Recommendations.

Twila Peters-MTE HR Manager was informed that the MTE Board of Directors can appoint who they would like for their review board. The first posting will only be for tribal members and must be posted for five days. The committee did discuss the appeal process that is available to enrolled members. Ms. Peters will review the clean copy of this document and if there are any further questions, she will address these at the Public Hearing.

**Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to approve the amendments to Ordinance #82-10 and send it to the Menominee Tribal Legislature for 1<sup>st</sup> consideration. Second was by Susan Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 2 absent (Hemken and Weso).**

**Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to recess this meeting until Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. Second was by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 2 absent (Hemken and Weso).**

Meeting in recess

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, recorder  
Chairman's Office